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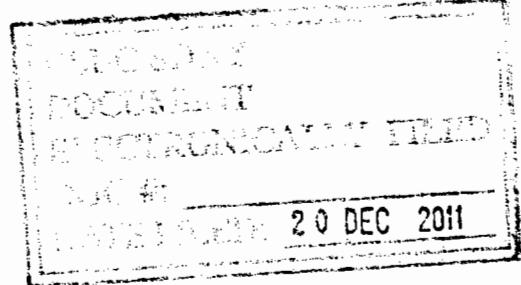
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**BY FACSIMILE [(212) 805-0426]**

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Daniel Valdez,  
S12 10 Cr. 905 (LTS)

Dear Judge Swain:

This letter is submitted in regard to Daniel Valdez, whom I represent by CJA appointment in the above-entitled case. Currently, Mr. Valdez's motions are due Monday, December 19, 2011. However, it is respectfully requested that the due date for Mr. Valdez's motions be extended until January 6, 2012, in order to permit defense counsel and the government to continue negotiations toward a possible disposition of the case. The extension would conserve judicial and other (CJA) resources that might not need to be expended should there be a negotiated resolution. I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Chung, and he has informed me that the government consents to this request.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the due date for Mr. Valdez's pretrial motions be extended until January 6, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joshua L. Dratel*

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*The request is granted.*

JLD/

cc: Amie Ely  
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SO ORDERED.

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*Dec 19, 2011* LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE